Misuse of domestic LPG cylinders

821. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of diversion of domestic gas cylinders for commercial use and supply of under weight domestic gas cylinders detected in Punjab, particularly in the cities of Amritsar, Jalandhar and Ludhiana, during the last three years till 31.10.07 year-wise;

(b) the names of gas agencies indulging in such malpractices; and

(c) the action taken against each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have detected 104 cases of diversion and 38 cases of under-weight cylinders in Punjab during the last three years and upto October, 2007. Out of which 30 cases of diversion and 26 cases of underweight cylinders have been detected in the cities of Amritsar, Jalandhar and Ludhinana. The year-wise/town-wise details are given in the Statement I and II (*See* below).

(b) The names and details of the LPG distributorships indulging in diversion and underweight LPG cylinders are available with Directors (Marketing) of OMCs concerned.

(c) Action against the erring distributors was taken as per provisions of Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) Distributorship Agreements by the OMCs.

Statement-I

Details of number of cases of diversion and under-weight LPG cylinders reported by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in the State of Punjab

Year	No. of cases of Diversion	No. of cases of Under-weight cylinders
2004-05	22	9
2005-06	33	7
2006-07	28	13
April - October 2007	21	9
Total:	104	38.

Statement-II

Details of number of diversion and under-weight LPG cylinders reported by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in the cities of Amritsar, Jalandhar and Ludhiana.

Year	Amritsar		Jalandhar		Ludhiana	
	Diversion of LPG cylinders	Under-weight LPG cylinders	Diversion of LPG cylinders	Under-weight LPG cylinders	Diversion of LPG cylinders	Under-weight LPG cylinders
2004-05	-	-	3	2	1	4
2005-06	4	1	1	3	3	2
2006-07	-	-	3	5	6	2
April-October 2007	3	3	2	2	4	2